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Title: **OSTEOSYNTHESIS PLATE FOR THE OSTEOSYNTHESIS OF SMALL
NEIGHBOURING BONES**

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application. This Amendment is being timely filed in view of the accompanying Three Month Petition for Extension of Time and associated fee which extends the period for reply to and through April 4, 2007. Please amend the application as follows:

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